GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
DEFENCE
LOK SABHA

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HIGHWAY FOR LINKING POK WITH KARAKORAM
DALPAT SINGH PARASTE

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Pakistan has constructed Highway linking Karakoram with Pakistan occupied area of Jammu and Kashmir;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it has posed a threat to our security particularly to Jammu and Kashmir State; and

(d) if so, the steps taken to counter this move of Pakistan?

Answer

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES)

(a) & (b): Pakistan has constructed Karakoram Highway linking Pakistan with Pakistan-occupied-Kashmir. The alignment of this Highway is Havelian-Thakot-Gilgit- Khunjerab Pass. This was completed in June 1978.

(c) & (d): Issues impinging on our national security are constantly monitored and all appropriate steps are taken to safeguard the territorial integrity of our country.